

**REMARKS****Submission of Certified Priority Document**

Submitted herewith is a certified priority document of corresponding Japanese Patent Application 2001-192190 for the purpose of claiming foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. An indication that this document has been safely received would be appreciated.

**Patentability of Claims**

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fullerton et al. (U.S. 6,383,668) in view of Sakawaki et al (U.S. 2002/0160234).

Claim 4 was only objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 4 and claim 4 has been cancelled. It is, therefore, submitted that claim 1 is now patentable as well as claims 2 and 3 depending therefrom.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,  
reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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